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"the statement that is often made, that consumption is rife among the tenement dwellers in New York, cannot be substantiated," we return to the valuable articles in the second volume of De Forest and Veiller's now famous *Tenement House Problem* and wonder what is meant by "substantiation."

None of us has enjoyed the thought of wearing what Parson Lot long ago called "cheap and nasty clothes," and we should rejoice to believe that the "dishonorable trade of the show-shops and slop-shops," which has been the misery of the poor since Kingsley's day, had disappeared. We shall be glad to have a corroboration of Mr. Pope's encouraging report when the next testimony on homework and tenement conditions shall be taken, for without that corroboration his opinion will remain unconvincing.

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Economic Geology of the United States. By HEINRICH RIES, A.M., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economic Geology at Cornell University. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1905. 8vo, pp. xxi+435.

This publication, which is designed as a text for college courses, and which covers the subject-matter offered in the elementary course in economic geology at Cornell University, is of interest to the economist as well as to the geologist. It contains a thorough and accurate description of the mineral resources which form the basis of a considerable part of the industrial development of this country. In his treatment of subjects the author gives the non-metallic mineral deposits preference over the metallic, for the reason that the former are of greater importance commercially than the latter. The book has many well-selected maps and plates and an excellent bibliography.

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The Elements of Business Law. By ERNEST W. HUFFCUT, Dean of the Cornell University College of Law. Boston, New York, Chicago, London: Ginn & Co., 1905. 8vo, pp. xiv+329.

An addition to the numerous elementary texts upon commercial law is to be justified only by a contribution to pedagogic methods in